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First Services were held in this building

Rev. Boyd Morerod + wife Samia August 1981

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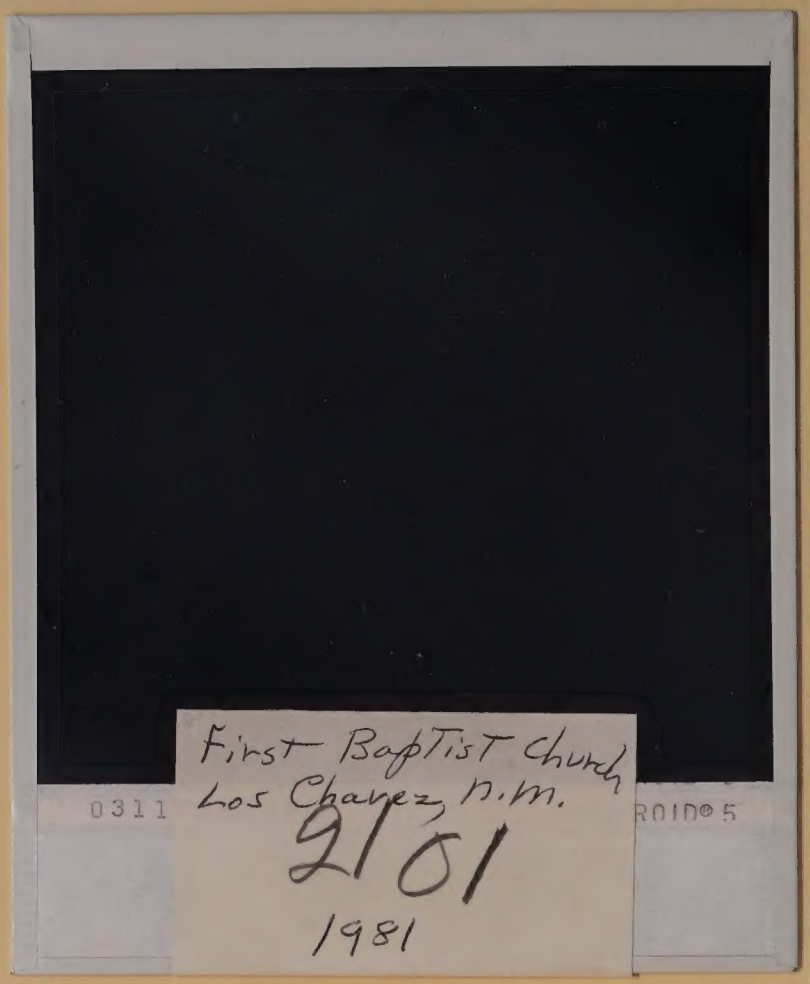

First Baptist Church
Los Chavez, N.M.
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2098 First Baptist Church
Los Chavez, N.M.

Building

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Ground breaking Ceremony

Music Study ~~Course~~ Course

Ground breaking Ceremony

Left to right
Bro Benson - Jim Haines
George Draine, Dan
Connell + Bro Ab Miller
at the ground breaking
ceremony
First Baptist Church
Los Chavez, N.M.
2099

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First Baptist Church
Los Chavez, N.M.
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Church Celebrates 75th Anniversary

FIRST CHURCH, Dexter, celebrated its 75th anniversary with special services on Oct. 12 under the direction of Pastor Jack Borum. More than 250 people attended including former pastors David Moore, Roswell, Tiny Welch, Tatum, and George Brittain, Grants. Brittain preached the anniversary celebration sermon.

The Dexter church was organized in 1905 with 17 charter members. These were made up of Southern Baptists who had settled in that area and had been meeting with others of other denominations in the second floor of a building over a grocery store.

A cement block building, pictured on this page, was built in 1910 and by 1912 regular church services were being held with J. M. Woolam as pastor. The church had grown to 40 members. A spokesman said that oldtimers report that a group of women of the missionary society of the Northern Baptist Convention helped finance the first cement block structure.

IN THE EARLY and middle 30's the church was practically inactive. However, in 1938 it was reorganized with 11 charter members and W. A. Kuykendall as pastor. Prominent among those who kept the struggling church alive was Deacon L. Q. Carman, now in his 80's and still active in the church.

In 1945 the pastor, Frank Maddox, who was also a carpenter, led the church in constructing by volunteer labor a new yellow tile building near the site of the original building. And in 1955 an educational building was added.

Borum said the entire church plant was refurbished inside and out in about 1975, and a year later was restuccoed. Recently such changes as paneling the inside of the church auditorium, constructing a new pastor's study, and redoing the kitchen have been effected. New front doors were given this year as a memorial to former longtime member, Sam Osborne.

Pastor Borum pointed out that good records have not been kept down through the years, and it may be that some of the dates submitted for this story might not be completely accurate.

Dexter Pastor H. E. Borum

This photo shows the original cement block church built in 1905.

The present church plant of the Dexter church is pictured above.

BURNED – The old Spanish Baptist Church at Fourth and Castillo was scheduled to be destroyed by fire intentionally yesterday. The church was to be destroyed to make way for a new recreation building. (See story Page 1.)

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